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Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

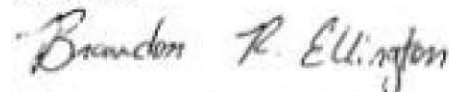
The Kansas City Chiefs are the economic and social essence of our city. They provide our city with merchandising businesses, restaurants, business for grocery stores, and countless other sectors. The impact the Chiefs have on the city goes far beyond Arrowhead Stadium and football in general. That is why recent proposals from the FCC to end the blackout rule are so troubling. The affects will severely decrease business opportunities in area in need of support.

Like many cities across the country, areas in Kansas City have struggled after the economic recession in 2008. Entire communities rely on the business and revenue generated by Chief games. From restaurants or sports bars outside of Arrowhead to the countless grocery stores that supply tailgating equipment, the Chiefs are economically tied to the surrounding area. With the changes to the blackout rule, incentives for the Stadium to be sold out would decrease and would devastate the local economy.

Many businesses live or die based upon their relationship to the Chiefs and the economic opportunities the team provides. The Chiefs and blackout rule provide a full stadium, which benefits everyone in the surrounding community. I am writing to inform the FCC that the blackout rule changes affect more than just football games or TV subscriptions. The rule impacts everyday people trying to make a living in our city.

Please reconsider these changes and leave the blackout rule in place. This rule helps give businesses the lift that so many need in a troubling economy. Do not leave them in the dark.

Sincerely,



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